

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
Alex. H. Washburn

Charity to the
Undeserving
Becomes Greed

YESTERDAY'S legislative report struck a sharp critical note. The AP dispatch said:

"The house committee that is investigating the State Welfare Department charged today that Arkansas is carrying double the welfare load carried by other states. It recommended six methods of cutting free-riders off the roles."

Abuse of public charity is as old as man's disinclination to work so long as there is an alternate means of getting one's daily bread. In primitive days men recognized scandalous conduct and called it for what it was — as witness the case of Captain John Smith, who summoned his company of Englishmen lately landed in the wilderness of Virginia and gave out with his historic work-or-starve edict.

But life is more complicated in the 20th Century. We are full of social consciousness, public charity, and government statistics — and in the confusion it isn't surprising to learn that for every honest needy person being carried by the Ship of State a scheming, undeserving companion has sneaked aboard.

In this civilized day we are unalterably committed to the public policy that no person in genuine want is going to starve. But public funds are — public funds. And when they are doled out to the undeserving the recipient is just as much a grafter as the flamboyant politician who steals 10 miles of public paving.

Among the reforms suggested by the investigating legislators are: Withholding welfare funds in cases where a person has transferred property out of his name in order to become "eligible"; denying applications where full legal recourse against the property or income of one of the parents has not been attempted — and, like 31 other states, enactment of a law giving Arkansas a lien against any concealed resources of an applicant that may be uncovered.

This is the general idea that the lawmakers outlined yesterday.

But over crowding of the welfare roles has a meaning beyond mere dollars and the injustice worked against deserving charity and the whole body of taxpayers. The welfare overload carries an implication of politics — a free-rider must know how to vote in the next election.

The implication, whether actually intended or merely the result of lax supervision, will be there — unless the state cracks down promptly and separates the free-riders from our public conveyance.

Federal Court Lines Up May Docket

Ten defendants in criminal actions pleaded guilty in federal court here Friday as the court lined up the May criminal docket for the May term.

Eleven others entered pleas of guilty and Federal Judge Harry J. Lemley set down their trials for May 14, the opening of criminal week during the term.

Judge Lemley will impose sentences on May 16.

Assistant District Attorney Charles Beasley handled the government's presentation of indictments returned against all of the defendants.

The bulk of the charges deal with violations of the internal revenue tax laws, with transportation of stolen cars the second largest violation.

Entering pleas of guilty were:

Lenard Richard Patton and Floyd Huntley, to liquor violations.

William Pat O'Neal, Kilgore, Texas, to possession of arms and ammunition in interstate travel as a person convicted of a felony.

Claude and Cesear Ogden, Negroes, to liquor violations;

Others Williams and Jim Stuart, Negroes, to liquor violations;

Henry Columbus Rader, to a liquor violation.

Eliza Franklin and Dorsey McRae Burns, to liquor violations.

Not guilty pleas were entered by:

Johnnie Johnson, charged with violating the law by transporting a stolen car in interstate commerce. He faces two counts of the charge;

Billy Wayne Jones, 16, Texarkana, Texas, charged with violating the law by transportation of a stolen car across the state line;

Clodie Washington and Lovie Soil, Negroes, charged with violation of the liquor tax laws. Charles C. Wine was appointed to defend.

Glen Nolen Burns, liquor violation;

Enice Rice, liquor violation;

Sam Phillips, charged with possession of 25 cases of liquor stolen from a railroad car in interstate shipment. The court appointed Charles Conway to defend Phillips.

Forrest Westbrook, Fouke, Ark., charged with attempting to extort \$5000 from Paul Puckett, Fouke, in a letter sent through the mails;

Audie D. Lipscomb, charged with taking a stolen car across the state line. Ben Shaver was appointed to defend, and Lipscomb's bond was reduced to \$1000;

Commodore Harris, Negro, charged with a liquor violation;

Tom Young, Negro, charged with

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THEY FACE DEATH — An incurable disease, muscular dystrophy, has struck six members of the family of William and Mary Baird of Philadelphia, Pa. Five of the six are shown here, left to right: Walter, 17; Robert, 2; Joseph, 8 (foreground); Richard, 16; and Charles Baird, 14. (NEA Telephoto)



POUR THE LEAD TO REDS — Men of Company "G" of the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, pour 50 caliber machine gun fire at the Chinese Red forces dug into a hillside along the Han River. (NEA Telephoto)

Series of Meetings Planned Throughout County to Discuss Important Farm Problems

Hope Students Named Members of All-State Band

There will be a series of community meetings held at various places over Hempstead county beginning February 26 and continuing through March 20 for the purpose of discussing the 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program, the Federal Crop Insurance Program, and other programs of interest to

Arkadelphia — Three students from Hope high school have been selected as members of the All-State Band which will be the guest of Henderson State Teachers college, March 8, 9 and 10.

They are Jean Shields, member of the E Flat Clarinet section, J. G. Darwin, member of the French Horn section and James Russell, member of the Trombone section.

The band, composed of 95 top-notch musicians from high schools throughout Arkansas, will be directed this year by Dr. Alvin R. Edgar, head of the Music Department at Iowa State College.

The three-day meet will get underway Thursday afternoon, March 8, with registration and tryouts for position in the band. The second day will be devoted to rehearsals and instrumental clinics, dinner and a dance to be held for the band members.

A dress rehearsal, meeting of the Arkansas Band and Orchestra Association and banquet will be held Saturday, March 10.

Climax of the three-day meeting will be the concert in Arkansas Hall, Henderson's auditorium, Saturday evening at 8.

Below is a schedule of these meetings and all farmers are urged to attend the meeting most convenient to them.

Washington Gymnasium, 7 p. m. Monday, February 26.

Spring Hill Agri. building, 7 p. m. Tuesday, February 27.

Shoer Springs Com. bldg., 7 p. m. Wednesday, February 28.

Guernsey School Auditorium, 7 p. m. Thursday, March 1.

DeAnn Com. bldg., 7 p. m. Friday, March 2.

Columbus School House, 7 p. m. Monday, March 5.

Bing School bldg., 7 p. m. Tuesday, March 6.

Sweet Home Church bldg., 7 p. m. Wednesday, March 7.

Belton Church bldg., 7 p. m. Thursday, March 8.

Saratoga Gymnasium, 7 p. m. Friday, March 9.

Friendship Church bldg., 7 p. m. Monday, March 12.

Liberty Church bldg., 7 p. m. Wednesday, March 13.

Baird's Chapel Church bldg., 7 p. m. Wednesday, March 14.

St. Paul Church bldg., 7 p. m. Thursday, March 15.

Fulton Odom's Store, 7 p. m. Friday, March 16.

Blevins Agri. bldg., 7 p. m. Monday, March 19.

Patmos Agri. bldg., 7 p. m. Tuesday, March 20.

Armitage Admitted to Federal Bar

In federal court at Texarkana yesterday three attorneys were admitted to the federal bar. They included:

Charles A. Armitage of Hope, Basil H. Munn of Prescott and Miss Lera Bowlette of Texarkana. They were presented by Bert B. Larey of Texarkana.

There will be a special program at 6:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the Unity Baptist Church on South Elm Street.

"The Sin of Slander" will be the subject of the program. The public is invited.

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Truman Makes Peace Offer to Fulbright Group

Washington, Feb. 24 — (AP) — A Senate subcommittee investigating huge government loans seemed likely today to start a new hunt for influence wielders' tracks on congress' own doorstep.

It already has charged that the spot of "political favoritism" can be followed to the desk of a White House aide — a charge which stung President Truman to retort that the accusation was false.

Disclosure yesterday that Mr. Truman had quietly obtained from reconstruction finance corporation lies 700 to 900 letters, mostly written by senate and house members about RFC loans, roused the subcommittee to wrath. Its members chorused accusations that this was a retaliatory attempt to intimidate congress and the subcommittee.

But Mr. Truman last night topped off a day of dramatic developments in the controversy with what looked like peace overture and possibly a hint as to how congress could cut short the inquiry without losing face.

Joseph Short, White House press secretary, announced the President "knows" of no evidence of illegal influence of the RFC by anyone in congress or any members of his staff.

Short said: "This material was requested by the President for his examination and review in connection with his plans for reorganization of the RFC."

Short did not explain why such material would be of value to his chief. The reorganization plan mentioned would abolish the jobs of the RFC board of directors and put a one man boss over the agency to pass on loans.

But the fact that the President called for the material raised the probability the subcommittee will explore anew and more deeply the question of how far a congressman may properly go to urge the lending of public funds.

Senator Thomas E. Dewey of New York brought his part of the great debate here today. Friends said he would attack isolationists in both parties and support a move to send additional troops to Europe.

The 1948 Republican presidential nominee prepared a statement for the senate foreign relations and armed services committees. Associates said he would flatly oppose a resolution by Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the GOP floor leader.

Wherry's resolution would prohibit President Truman from ordering any additional foot soldiers to Europe until congress passes on the policy involved.

Dewey reportedly was ready to express the view that the U.S. never can withdraw into the Western hemisphere and stand alone against Communist Russia. He was said to believe that in addition to other considerations, this would leave open to the Communists vital war materials in Europe and areas connected with it.

Friends said Dewey planned to tell the senate committees in formal testimony that approval of Wherry's resolution would be taken abroad as a sign that no more U.S. divisions will go to Europe.

Two American divisions already

are in occupation duty in Germany

and Secretary of Defense Marshall has said four additional will be assigned to join the North Atlantic defense force headed by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

A source close to the New York

governor said Dewey intended to tell the senators that if the U.S. does not send ground forces, Western Europe may choose "neutralism" and offer no substantial resistance to possible Communist aggression.

The Reds offered stiff rear guard

resistance. On the approaches of

new mountain defense line north

of Hoengsong and Chipyong.

The 20-mile segment of the front

defends Hoengsong, a Red assembly

and communication hub.

United Nations-held Chipyong, 40

miles east of Seoul, is the point

where an encircled French and

American combat team helped

break the back of a Chinese counteroffensive last week.

Hoengsong, 20 miles east of Chipyong, was imperiled Friday by American forces who occupied hills overlooking the highway center.

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TICKET BETWEEN 8 A. M. AND 4 P. M.

25 Years Ago Today

From Files of Star of Hope

Adjutant General J. R. Wayne of the Arkansas National Guard will speak at the Hope Rotary Club at its luncheon meeting tomorrow.

The Hope Bobcats will play the Texarkana, Ark., high school basketball team in the Armory at Fifth and Walnut Streets tonight.

The program presented at the Elks home last night by the Carter Haynes Concert Company constituted a rare musical treat and the company was given a decided ovation by the audience.

Before anyone could even see what she was doing, before anyone could stop her when they did understand, she had released the catch on the French door behind her.

Gerl turned and darted, sobbing, out into the fog and the rain and the world of white that had no color.

Lisa heard Gerl's scream echoing back from the ravine—the lone ravine into which Gerl had sent Lavinia Grenable to death.

Angus Farwell, clinging to Angus Kent, when he put out his arms for her, stared at the mist on the windows. And for a terrible moment, Lisa thought that the mist was tinged with crimson.

Later in the day at her home, Lisa talked to Angus.

"There were so many little things," Angus told her, "that led us to Gerl. As Sheriff Lane said, the diary was the key. It struck me that Gerl would have had the best opportunity to read it and to know Mrs. Grenable's most minute habits. And then, several times after the murder I was around Grenable's place early in the morning, and each time Gerl looked ill. I didn't think she was mourning her employer that much."

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Births

Births in Hempstead during past month:

White
Billy and Joe Beale, Hope, boy.

Richard Norman, Pastor

Robert and Norma Magness,

Emmet, boy, Randal Earl,

Don and Betty Bates, Wash-

ington, boy, Marshall Raines,

Denver, girl, Sherry Ann,

Joseph and Virginia Morelock,

Hope, boy, James Edward,

Malcolm and Katherine Windsor,

Hope, boy, Malcolm Louis,

Luther and Peggy Abraham,

Hope, girl, Mary Bock,

Dorsey and Freddie Fuller,

Hope, girl, Lisa Virginia,

Glen and Christine Sundberg,

Hope, boy, Jerry Glen,

Roy and Eva Nations, Hope,

girl, Deborah Young,

James and Lola Collier, Hope,

boy, Terry Mac,

Archie and Ethel Houk, Lowell-

ville, boy, Clyde Randall,

Forrest and Cherry Barberree,

Harvey, girl, Alice Cherry,

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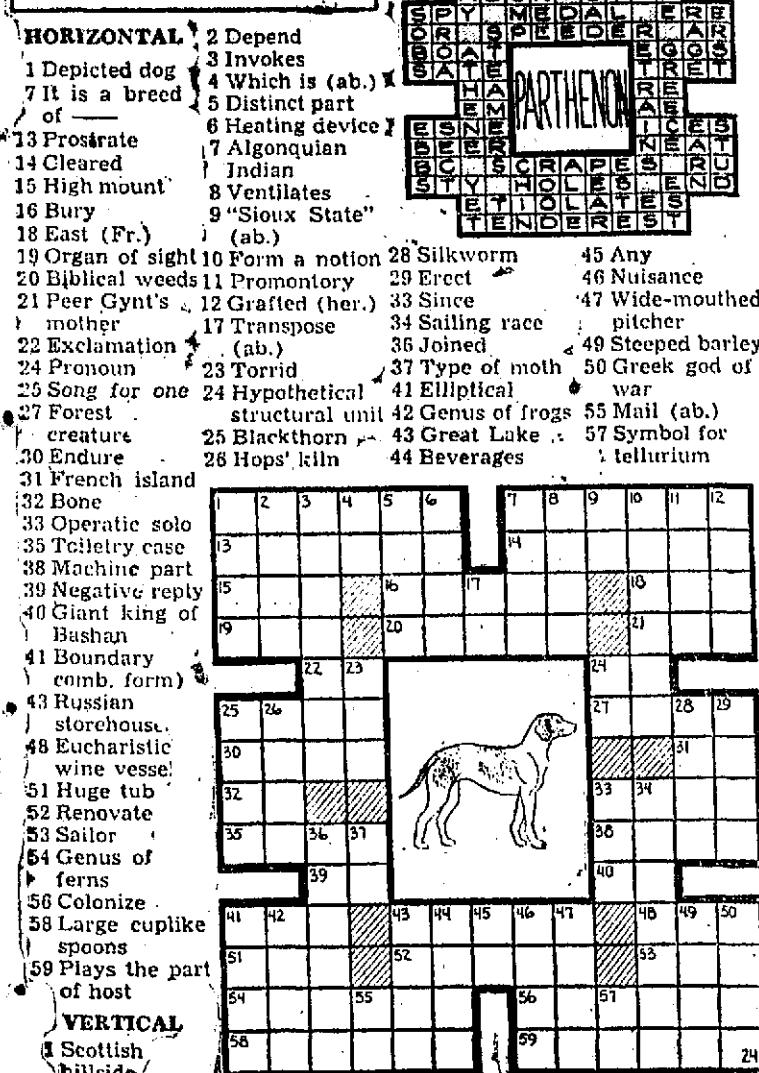
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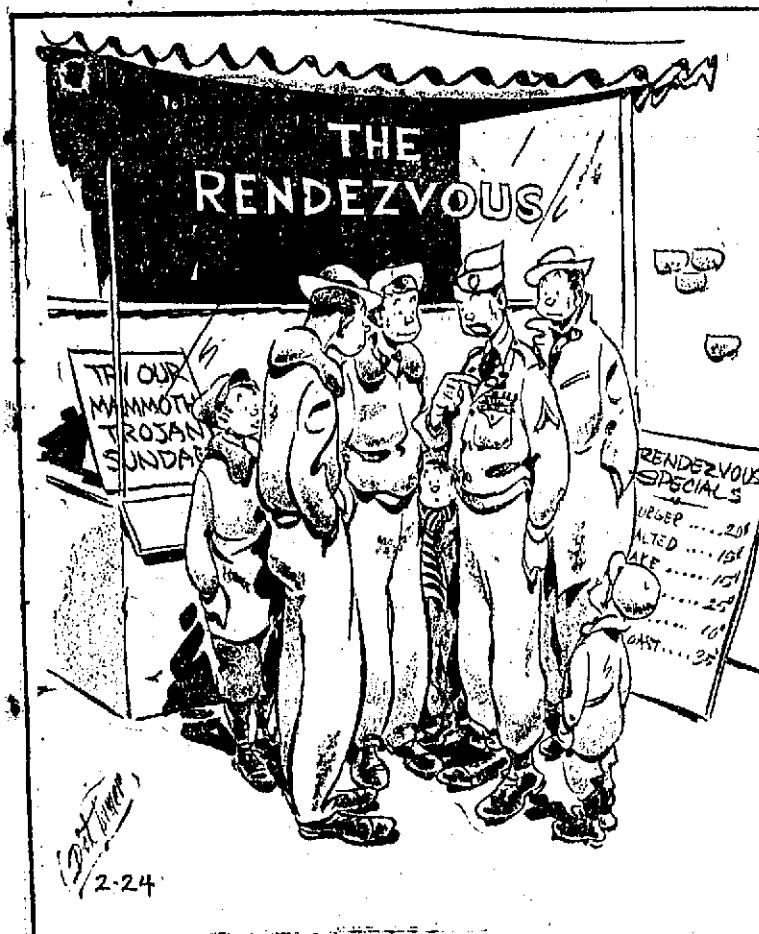
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ABORIGINE
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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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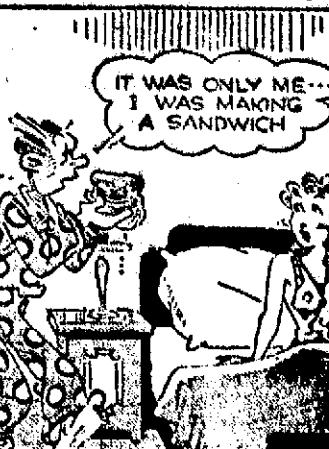
"This one is for stopping a banzai charge single-handed—this for helping the colonel's wife do her shopping!"

By Galbraith



"Women are never gonna fool me with any sweet talk—that girl she's got on the phone is her worst enemy!"

By Chick Young



By Leslie Turner



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"COULD I GET MY WIFE ON A QUIZ PROGRAM? SHE KNOWS EVERYTHING!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blossey

